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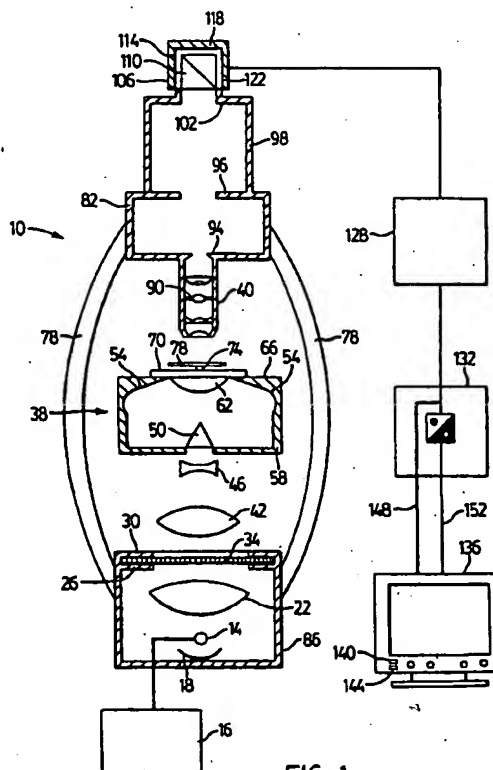
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### (54) Braced microscope

(57) A microscope having a pair of braces (78) connecting a head portion (82), carrying an objective (90), to the base (86), to which a stage (66) is attached. The braces (78) function to reduce vibration. In one embodiment, the length of the braces (78) along a vertical axis of the microscope can be adjusted to provide very fine focusing control.



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